S.No	Train No.	Destinations	Train's Name
15.	8301/8302	NIZAMUDDIN-SAMBALPUR HIRA KHUD EXPRESS	
16.	8477/8478	NIZAMUDDIN-PURI	KALING UTKAL EXPRESS
17.	8543/8544	NIZAMUDDIN-VIS-AKHAPATNAM	SAMTA EXPRESS
18.	309/310	NIZAMUDDIN-AMBLA	PASSENGER
19.	INDH/NDH	NIZAMUDDIN-HAPUR	PASSENGER
20.	7021/7022	NIZAMUDDIN-HYDERABAD DAKSHIN EXPRESS	
21.	2437/2438	NIZAMUDDIN-SECON-DERABAD	RAJDHANI EXPRESS
22.	8553^^554	NIZAMUDDIN-VIS-AKHAPATNAM	EXPRESS
23.	650V6506	NIZAMUDDIN-MYSORE	EXPRESS
24.	6343/6344	NIZAMUDDIN-ERNAKULAM EXPRESS	
25.	1HNH/2HNK	NIZAMUDDIN-KURUK-SHETRA	PRESSENGER
26.	1TR/2TR	NIZAMUDDIN-ROHTAK	PASSENGER

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Naya Azadpur is located at a distance of 13 Kms, from New Delhi. It is on the Delhi-Ambala line and provides connectivity only to Amabala, Chandigarh, Amritsar and Jammu Tawi. As Naya Azadpur is located on the periphery of Delhi region access to the station will be extremely difficult to a' vast majority of the residents of Delhi. Naya Azadpur suffers from a serious lack of public transport system, connecting the rest of the Delhi which is a necessry support service for sustaining long distance rail terminals. At present, Naya Azadpur is a station without terminal and maintenance facilities. In view of the above, Naya Azadpur does not make an ideal choice for development of a fifth terminal.

Misappropriation of Railway Funds

*444. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gross irregularities in the financial management and rampant malpractices leading to mis-appropriation of railway funds amounting to crores of rupees have been recently detected;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the amount involved;

(c) the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Government into the matter; and

(d) the action taken by Government against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

सैकेंडरी स्कूलों में शिक्षा का स्तर

445. **श्री वरजिन्दर सिंहः** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या देश में सैकेंडरी स्कूलों की संख्या विश्व में अन्य देशों की तुलना में सबसे अधिक है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का आकलन क्या है;

(ग) क्या इन स्कूलों में, विशेषकर सरकारी नियंत्रण में संचालित स्कूलों की तुलना में गिरा हुआ है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार का आकलन क्या है और इस आकलन के आधार क्या हैं तथा सरकारी स्कूलों में शिक्षा के स्तर को ऊंचा उठाने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार किया गया है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) और (ख) सरकार के पास इस संबंध में तुलनात्मक आंकड़े अथवा कोई अध्ययन रिपोर्ट नहीं है। वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान माध्यमिक स्कूलों की संख्या (कक्षा * के स्तर तक) 73,127 थी। अतः यह कहा जा सकता है कि हमारे देश में काफी बड़ी माध्यमिक स्कूल प्रणाली है।

(ग) कुल मिलाकर यह स्थिति सही है। तथापि, इस सामान्य स्थिति के अपवाद भी हैं।

(घ) सरकारी स्कूलों में अनेक प्रकार के विद्यार्थियों यथा पिछड़े वर्ग, ग्रामीण वर्ग इत्यादि की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा किया जाता है और चयनात्मक अथवा प्रतिबंधक प्रवेश नीति शायद ही अपनाई जा सकती है। इसलिए शिक्षा के स्तर को उन्नत करने के प्रयास सेवाकालीन प्रबोधन और प्रशिक्षम के माध्यम से शिक्षकों की क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने और शैक्षिक प्रौद्योगिकी, प्रयोगशाल लाओं, पुस्तकालयों के माध्यम से बेहतर सहायता सुविधाएं प्रदान करने तथा विज्ञान, गणित आदि जैसे महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों पर विशेष बल देने पर कगेन्द्रित है। कक्षा में पठन-पाठन की विषय-वस्तुओं और प्रक्रिया में सुधार लाने के भी प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ताकि पठन-पाठन की प्रक्रिया कम बोझिल और अधिक आकर्षक हो।

Strike by Group C and D employees of Government Hospitals

*450. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI O.P. KOHLl:

Will the MinUter of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group C and D employees in 26 Government Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences went on a token strike on 25th June, 1988, to protest against the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission Report;

(b) if so, what are their demands and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Governntpnt are seriously contemplating to take some measures to tackle the frequent strickes by the employees/doctors/nurses in the hospitals of Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAl): (a) The Group C and D employees of Hospitals and dispensaries in Delhi under the Central Government, Govt, of NCT of Delhi, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and All India Institute of Medical Sciences went on a token strike on 25.6.1998.

(b) The major demands include three time bound promotions, enhancement of Hospital Patient Care Allowance/Patient Care Allowance, better pay scales for all group C&D employees, enhancement the rate of uniform/stitching charges, etc. A Group of Ministers have been constituted) to examine the matter.

(c) and (d) Frequent inter-action take place with the representatives of the employees which in the past have also been effective in resolving such strikes.

Various Courts have given injunctions prohibiting demonstrations within 100 metres of hospitals.

Deterrent action is also taken under the relevant provisions of Law in cases of unlawful conduct which go beyond the provisions of the Industrial Dispute Act and the right to democratically ventilate grievances.

Central Quota of Foodgrains for Assam

*451. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the fact that the Central quota of.wheat and rice has been reduced for Assam due to which public distribution system has little foodgrains to offer to the common people;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this uncalled for reduction;